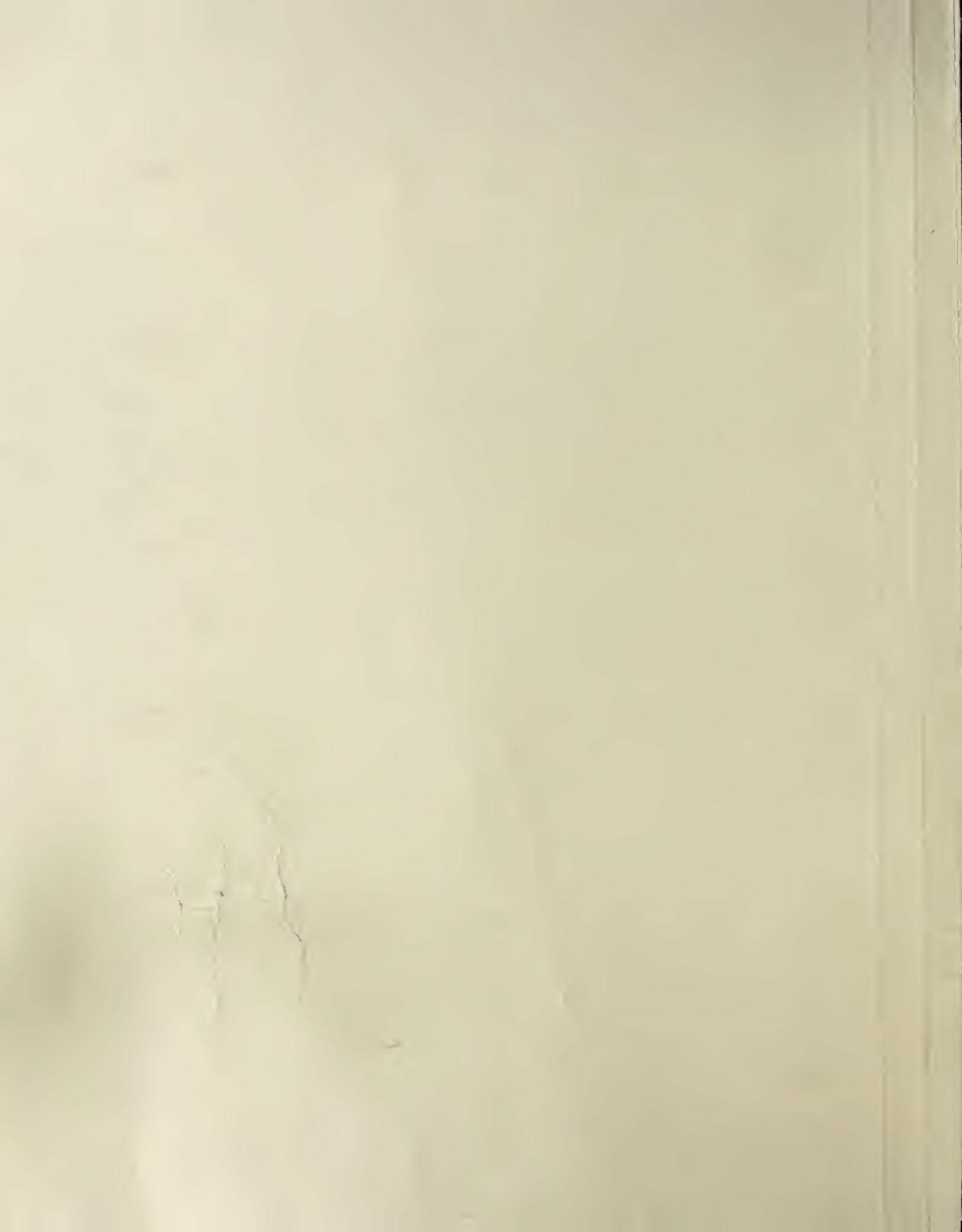


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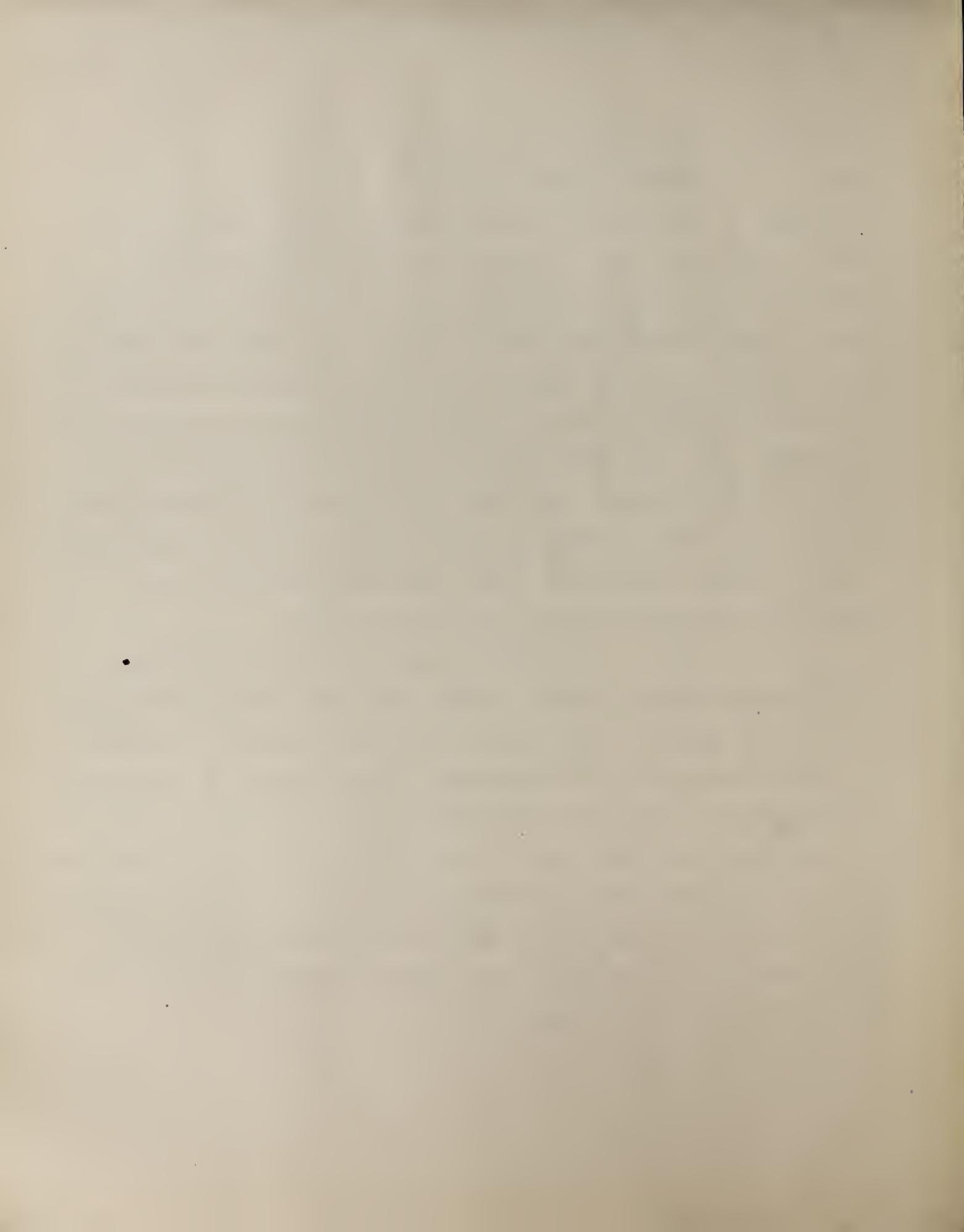
REMARKS

ANNOUNCER Uncle Sam's Garage - Rutherford.

MUSIC QUARTET, RANGERS' SONG.

ANNOUNCER The phrase "community forest" meant little to this country fifty years ago. In Europe, however, forests managed by communities as a source of municipal income have been in existence from the time of Charlemagne in the 8th century. The United States Forest Service says that community forests are certain to become an increasingly important factor in the economic structure of urban life in America. For every year sees an increase in the number of such forests in this country. And every year more towns and counties are learning the value of community owned forests as a means of decreasing local taxes, helping meet local unemployment problems, and supplying a permanent reservoir of jobs and income.

Well — our friend Pressey Jim Robbins, of the Pine Cone National Forest, received a letter this week from an old friend of his, Kate Radcliff who lives in the town of Radcliff, a hundred and fifty miles south of Winding Creek. Kate Radcliff is over eighty years of age, and the last of her family who first settled and named the town where she lives. One of the old lady's eccentric characteristics is that she insists that her friends address her as "Miss" — At the moment, she and Jim Robbins are sitting before the window in the livingroom of the old Radcliff home, which overlooks the eddy of a stream on the edge of the town —



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(PAUSING) Well now, your grandfather built the town hall. And your father built a library. And I seem to remember three or four statues —

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Grandfather Radcliff built the town hall so he could have a place to make speeches on the Fourth of July without getting sunstroke. And he didn't leave a nickel to keep up the building. My father erected a beautiful stone library and had "Henry Radcliff Library" chiseled across the front in such big letters that you have to look twice to see the door.

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(LAUGHING) Well, even with all the advertising, I presume folks have appreciated a good library.

KATE:

They might have had a chance to appreciate it if any money had been left to buy books to put in it — and those statues — Every male Radcliff since Grandpa Mordecai has had a statue erected to remind the town of Radcliff of his existence. There were nine of them nine statues in a town where half the population will keep a Tuxedo cow.

JIM:

That's quite a record, I'd say. You're right, my town can boast that many prominent citizens commemorated in our library.

KATE:

They aren't good for anything but pigeon roosts.

JIM:

Then you mean you have an idea for a different kind of a memorial to the Radcliff name?

KATE I don't know whether I do or not. That's the reason I invited you up here as a visit. Look out the window. See the land land across the creek?

JIM Those are state trees.

KATE You'll find the best of the Radcliff estate, except for this house.

JIM It looks like pretty good forest land from here.

KATE There's about a hundred acres of trees. Once it reached almost to the Davis County line. The rest of the land has been sold or taken for the taxes due on it.

JIM That's too bad.

KATE Well, I've read considerable about these "community forests," like they have over in Europe. And I thought to myself if Jim Robbins backs up this information about community forests, then there must be something to it.

JIM There's something to it all right, Kate. And I'd say you couldn't commensurate the name of Radcliff with greater honor, nor with more good sense.

KATE There's only one thing I want to know, Jim. What good will it do the town of Radcliff, and for how long?

Transcript

JIM:

Well, first of all, if you provide for its sustainable management, a community forest will furnish work from time to time for a number of people in Shuswap, like taking care of the forest and harvesting forest products. In the second place, those forest products will not only pay wages to local people, but will bring some money into the town coffers. And the most important thing about a community forest is the fact that it's a piece of property that pays dividends for as long as you manage it with simple common sense, and keep growing the timber as a continuing crop.

MATE:

You know — that's quite a mouthful of words, Jim — Do you believe it yourself?

JIM:

Sure I do. That's just the way we manage our National Forests — to keep them permanently productive and useful and a community forest can be run just like a National Forest on a miniature scale.

MATE:

Well — you've told me what I wanted to know — So can you spare enough time to tell Martin Kaiser who you've told me Martin's the chairman of the city council.

JIM:

I'd be glad to. When can we get in touch with him?

KATE

I'll have him do some other work. You see, I've
been very blessed for a few years. Incomes didn't have to
rush off to another town or the coffee to Burnt Lake
and I won't. I'll have to get all that milky coffee
somehow.

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I think it would be a good idea.

KATE

(LISTENING RECEIVER) He's probably at the feed store now.
Hello, Carrie -- I'm very well thank you. I want
Martin Kaiser's feed store -- Yes -- And you can leave
if you want to. It isn't important. (TO JIM) I always
tell her that. It makes her mad.

MUSIC UP AND OUT

JIM

(FADING IN) But the point to remember Mr. Kaiser, his
community forest is a piece of property that should
the town of Radcliff dividends as long as the timber is
managed with simple common sense, and enough trees are
left after each cutting to form the basis for future
crops.

KAISER

(MIDDLE AGE, OBSEQUIOUS) It all sounds most promising.

KATE

There you are, Jim. I knew Perkins would see the wisdom
of your words. There isn't a smarter councilman in the
state than Martin Kaiser. Sometimes I think he's
smart for the rest of the council. Eh, Perkins?

(SHE LAUGHS)

KAISER

Miss Radcliff always had a great hand to joke.

KATE: I mean every word of it -- But you're here on business Martin. If I remember correctly I haven't paid you money for -- well for a few years.

MARTIN: Yes, I have to mention it, Miss Radcliffe, but --

KATE: You needn't be polite. I'm asking you a favor, this time. Won't do those back doors around to -- in such neighborhood?

KAISER: It's difficult to state so emphatically --

KATE: Like a master --

KAISER: Oh, I wouldn't do that.

KATE: Well, this under your a proposition, I'll give you some of Radcliffe's last hundred acres of the estate, he is addressed as a community trust, and you forget about the basic taxes.

KATE: But, Miss Radcliffe, I fear you don't understand the circumstances -- you see -- well --

KATE: True, now, Martin it can't be me and no the last you saw, Kaisers.

KAISER: Well -- well -- as you say, you haven't paid any taxes for several years.

KATE: Yes, I am.

KAISER: In fact for quite a few years --

KATE: Go on.

KAISSER: And naturally, she won't even fit in here. You
situation, considering that the nose of Reddick
comes to our town.

KATE: Come to the point, Bertie. Mr. Robbins is a busy man.

JIM: Don't mind me, Kates.

CATHER: Well, the facts of the case are these: The amount
of indebtedness due to Delinquent Lanes from
your estate exceeds the value of the hundred acres of
land you speak of.

KATE: I owe more than the land is worth?

KAISSER: Yes.

KATE: But why hasn't he told about it?

KAISSER: Well, I knew you were present for us, and -- well
to give you the whole picture, I've had considerable
difficulty in restraining the council from taking over
your hundred acres for the past two years.

KATE: Well -- there has been just honest effort to clean the
scutcheon of the Reddick family.

KAISSER: I can't tell you how sorry I am that such a thing would
have occurred, Miss Reddick. Perhaps I should have told
you before this -- only -- I --

KATE: If the scutcheon has to go for taken, all this have left to the
old tumble-down house, and nobody wants it -- even as a
gift. -- Well, Jim, it was a fine idea while it's lived.

What do you think? I am the one who
should be the one to consider this.

I can tell you, we will not be able to communicate
like this.

What exactly was it about?

It's really not worth it, this is just something
else.

Well, what do you think?

JESSICA The situation, poor,

JESSICA There was Karen, I thought she was going to come
and knock up a sibling.

JESSICA She is now two years old, I don't think she has
any intentions before them out. In essence much of
what they'll want is a sibling which isn't
like us.

MICHAEL AND JESSICA

JESSICA (PAGE 10) Jim, you're married, all right about Karen
Padgett. You can't deny that, nor by implying
you didn't know, does.

JESSICA I like too bad she hasn't had someone to help her manage
her affairs. Perhaps this shouldn't have happened.

JESSICA I consider when she got up and said she wasn't going
to say any more names, she probably had the alibi hand in
mind.

Transcript

5888 But you said who's so very alert who knows what's
going on all the time

5889 I didn't know who I'd seen the old-timers went to or bothered
about it. -- But it still doesn't seem right to me
that over hundred acres should all go for taxes. I
also had time to look over that piece of timber
you said you measured around Windy Creek about it.
I thought there might be a chance that some of these
loggers or timber dealers could have looked it over.
Most of them know about all the timber for miles
around.

5890 Didn't Al Perkins know about it?

5891 I haven't been down this far yet -- If anybody known
he will. Jerry said he'd ask the fellows at the
Henderson outfit if they knew anything about it.
Remember the outfit a distance from here.

5892 Yes, it is.

5893 How does Jerry now?

5894 UPDATING AND CLOSING

5895 (PHONE RINGING) Well, folks. To the good hunting we

5896 bushes will be ready in a few minutes, Jerry

5897 Good. Gee, the hunters we cleaned up that cleaning
job on Windy Peak, Jim.

5898 That's fine, Jerry. Did you have a chance to run
up the Henderson outfit?

JULY 11 - TELL, J. - I have different. We will send right back
or we return your money.

JULY 12 - TELL, J. - Please. This is agreed and everything done and now
I'll go ahead and release without getting a chance
to see what kind of timber they had had and on how much.
If this tells, Kaiser, and been more definite about the
amount of the taxes or the value of the land, I wouldn't
have taken it so quickly —

PHONE RING

BESS - I'll get it, you. (RECEIVER UP) Pine Cone Ranch Station
for Mr. Fred Martin here. It's Al Perkins, Jim.
TELL, J. - Hello, Fred - this, Al - yeah. Say, did you ever
take an appraisal of a acre of timber down by Reddick?
— Reddick; a boy named Badger if. About a hundred and
fifty acres north of him — no, it's about a hundred
acres of timber land owned by a family named Reddick;
name is the same — going about to be a Ranch Station
from about the same size — it's in Davis County —
— Mrs. Reddick's husband — Martin Kaiser — he does —
Say this can you find — Did you make division off
BESS - That's a great big. I can't tell you how much it is.
TELL, J. - Well, I'll do my best to give you an answer
and look at you. (RECEIVER ON HOOK)
BESS - Here is it, Al.

JIM You remember, Susan, I told you about the announcement one city council at Radcliff, United States?

BESSIE Yes, Jim.

JERRY What about him?

JIM Al says that two weeks ago a man named Kaiser asked him to make an appraisal of a hundred-acre piece of timber in Davie County and that's where Radcliff is located.

JERRY You think it was the Radcliff timber he wanted appraised?

JIM I'm sure it couldn't have been any other. There isn't another hundred acres of timber in the county that I know of. Most of the forest lands in that section are over in the next county, beyond Radcliff.

BESSIE Do you suppose there are trying to get the land for Radcliff, Jim?

JIM I don't know, Jim, but it looks to me like Kaiser was going to have the farm take the land for taxes and then maybe buy it up, break it up acre by acre and sell it in small parcels.

JERRY I'll bet you're right, Jim. That's why he came all the way to Winding Creek to get someone to make an appraisal.

JIM He'll get someone from Winding Creek to make him an appraisal statement. I'm leaving in the morning for Radcliff. (PAUSE) I'll see how much that piece of timber is worth to the —

MUSIC UP AND OUT

JIM: I don't think you'll ever find by the time we're through you'll have him to assess an appraisal of a hundred acres of timber in the north part of Davis County. It's no Nevitt timber, you can lay to that. But I never thought he'd been the nerve to try to blockade us.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well, we'll have done so far as try. KATE: And it's the last time we'll ever do it. I'll give him a trick or two before I'm done with him -- how you say my trees are worth more money than I owe in today?

JIM: It's safe to cover a lot of delinquent taxes to set up the value of your timber. You've got a hundred acres of some of the best pine I've seen in a long time.

KATE: Then I don't dell some timber to pay off my taxes and still have the acre of the Radcliff clan from Apaches?

JIM: If you do it properly.

KATE: What does "properly" mean?

JIM: You should have a complete appraisal from a reputable firm. Then you must log the tract on a careful, selective plan. Just cutting our mature trees and leaving plenty of good young growing stock. And try to get all that's cut utilized the best we possible, even the weak trees for fence posts or cord wood, or whatever you can get out of it.

RATE Then all I need to do is to get an accurate appraisal
sell off some of the timber, pay my taxes and I'll
still have the land left in good shape to establish
the Madcliff Community Forest.

JIM Takin' it.

RATE Well, who am I going to make the appraisal?

JIM Any of those reputable logging outfits around here
will do it for you.

RATE How about Al Perkins? I'll call him this minute.

JIM I reckon he'd be glad to do it.

RECEIVER UP

RATE Here goes Jim -- (TO PHONE) Hello, Berrie. I want to
put in a long distance call -- Jim, nobody's died -- I
want to get the Winding Creek Lumber Company at Winding
Creek. You can listen in if you want. You won't hear
anything so gossin' about. (TO JIM) That's what I say to
her when I went to get her really mad. If I didn't she'd
tell every word I say.

MUSIC UP AND OUT

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